

Ink Sling.

Rolly-poly Dassen Had better take his messer And cut out a little speech to make In which to ask to go To the big Congressional show Where even "a thinking part" he'd fake.

PATTISON and GUTHRIE warned the cockles of the Granger heart at Centre Hall yesterday.

Old General Apathy seems to be in command of the PENNYPACKER campaigning outfit.

Where were the two BROWNS on Tuesday? The WATCHMAN predicted, weeks ago, that they would be afraid to face the Centre county Grangers.

President ROOSEVELT's determination to carry a throat specialist with him on his western tour insures the people of the western States no end of talk.

It was no wonder that "Cousin SAM" talked through his nose at the Granger's picnic on Tuesday. The frost he got there was enough to give a more robust man than he is a cold.

If parties are to be judged by what they do and not by their platforms or promises all the ground it ever did have to stand on is cut from under the Republican administration in Pennsylvania.

Of all the state papers that published stories of PENNYPACKER day at Grange park the Republican told the biggest lie when it said there were five thousand people on the ground. As a matter of fact there weren't seven hundred.

The friends of "Little Phil" WOMELESDORFF are commanded to turn in to the support of HEWITT for Recorder. Of course they will obey orders, because they know how this same HEWITT turned in for their friend only a few years ago.

"Old Schoony," as they call him over in Phillipsburg, has started his campaign for the Legislature and judging from the success he has been meeting with around here he will be about as speedy as a waterlogged old schooner when in the race on November 4th.

"Big Bill" DEVEREY, the ex-chief of the New York police, having won out in his fight for control of the Ninth district in that city, it is evident that free barge parties, free ice for the poor and the glad hand for every body, are most potential political persuasives.

Judging from the speech he made PENNYPACKER might easily be supposed to be running for any old thing and not for the Governorship of Pennsylvania in particular. In fact that is the case. He is running for an old thing and the old thing is QUAY.

It is a significant truth that but once during all of the speeches that were made by the Republican spellbinders at Centre Hall on Tuesday was there an interruption by applause. Seal-skin underwear would not have warned that crowd up to "Cousin Sam" and PENROSE.

The refusal of speaker HENDERSON to run for Congress again in the Third Iowa district is equivalent to an admission that the Democrats will control the next House. He would not be so anxious to terminate his long term of public service were it not for a lurking fear that his position as speaker is in danger.

In his speech at Centre Hall on Tuesday CHARLES EMORY SMITH pledged the Republican party to "honest elections and honest ballot boxes" while his paper, the Press had explained only a few days before how the machine expects to steal from fifty to eighty thousand votes in Philadelphia, Greensboro, and Waynesboro and spent the night at Chambersburg. On Wednesday meetings were held at Shippensburg, Newville, Carlisle, Mechanicsburg and Harrisburg. These were not ordinary meetings. They were large, earnest and enthusiastic. They revealed a deep-seated interest in the contest.

It had been the hope of the WATCHMAN to conduct the coming campaign in as clean a manner as possible, but the Gazette seems to be anxious to have it otherwise. If it really wants dirt we might be able to dig up some around their legislative candidate in Phillipsburg that would shake the honorable Republicans of Centre county who have no idea of the manner of man they are asked to support.

Speaker HENDERSON's declination to run for Congress for the eleventh time, because he is not in accord with his constituents on the tariff question is the manly thing for him to do, unless he was inspired more from fear of defeat than by an honest conviction of duty. If it was the former we would advise the people of the Third Iowa district to look out for another "Cousin SAM" stool pigeon like we have on hand in Pennsylvania.

It won't do for former Governor HASTINGS to try to make "Cousin" SAM out a great hero because there were one hundred and forty six men by the name of PENNYPACKER in the Rebellion. Measured by such a standard our own late, lamented BILLY JONES would have had a very tenable claim, even to the Presidency, for there were thousands of Joneses in the war, but BILLY never patted himself on the back on that account.

Doubtful DANIEL said "Cousin SAM" "Never raised his voice to ask a citizen to nominate him for Governor. It came to him on a sliding board." How different it was in 1890, when the army of white-hat voters from Centre went to Harrisburg to beseech QUAY to give the nomination to DAN. QUAY didn't do it, however, but DAN'S memory is short and he can forget many things, even if he doesn't forgive them.

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Government by Ballot Fraud.

No one pretends to deny that thousands of fraudulent votes are polled at every election in Philadelphia. This prostitution of the ballot is effected by false registration and the systematized employment of impersonators and repeaters in the perpetration of electoral fraud.

The registry of voters is padded with bogus names by employees of this vicious political machine and when an attempt is made to purge these false registrations by the action of the courts opposition to such purgation always comes from the politicians who intended to be benefited by such fraud. When impersonators, repeaters and ballot-box stuffers are prosecuted for their offenses it is the leaders of the dominant machine who furnish them with bail, employ attorneys for their defense and if necessary secure perjurers whose false oaths may keep them out of the penitentiary, as in the SALTER case and other instances of false swearing for the protection of ballot thieves.

These are such notorious facts that anything like serious denial is nowhere attempted. So staunch a Republican organ as the Philadelphia Press, when in its indignant mood over the corruption of the QUAY-ASBRIDGE gang, declares that the machine manages to poll a fraudulent vote in Philadelphia that ranges from 50,000 to 80,000 according to the necessity of the emergency. This year there has been an unusual padding of the lists with the intention of harvesting an increased crop of fraudulent votes. An examination of the lists shows that false registration, preparatory to the coming election, has been practiced with reckless disregard for the flagrant evidence of the intended crime.

From his judicial experience no one knows better than Judge PENNYPACKER that these frauds are practiced, and he certainly is not unconscious of the fact that this year they are intended for his political benefit. Will he consent to be the beneficiary of such a crime? If stolen goods were offered him his indignation would move him to action for the arrest and punishment of the thieves. Is it expecting too much of him that he should denounce the ballot thievery that is intended to put him in possession of the Governor's office?

So far not a word has been heard from candidate PENNYPACKER in condemnation of the fraud by which the Philadelphia gang is preparing to secure the election of the QUAY state ticket.

Mr. Pattison's Tour.

Governor PATTISON and his associates on the Democratic ticket began their tour of the State on Monday under the most auspicious conditions. They left Harrisburg at noon and spent the night at McConnellsburg in Falton county after a meeting there of extraordinary proportions and enthusiasm. On Thursday morning bright and early they were on the road again and held meetings at Mercersburg, Chambersburg, Greensboro, and Waynesboro and spent the night at Chambersburg. On Wednesday meetings were held at Shippensburg, Newville, Carlisle, Mechanicsburg and Harrisburg. These were not ordinary meetings. They were large, earnest and enthusiastic. They revealed a deep-seated interest in the contest.

Yesterday the party left Harrisburg at 3:25 in the morning, an unusual hour for campaigning but this is an unusual campaign, and arrived at Centre Hall before half-past eight. There they remained until 3:30 p. m., an afternoon meeting having been held on the picnic grounds. After a pleasant ride the distinguished gentlemen made a brief stop in this place, leaving here at 4:44 p. m. Half an hour was spent, during which the Governor made a speech from the car platform, when the train for Huntingdon was taken where a night meeting was held. The rest of the week will be spent in Union, Bedford and Blair counties and every town of considerable population in those counties will be visited, the Saturday evening meeting being at Altoona.

The speeches of Governor PATTISON and his equally eloquent and able associate on the ticket Mr. GUTHRIE, have been marvels of forensic force and eloquence. These gentlemen have not talked about the price of milk or discussed other trifles in meaningless platitudes. They have talked of the ills with which Pennsylvania is suffering almost beyond endurance and of the means of escape from them. They have shown how the property of the people is stolen through legislative iniquities and the ballot is polluted in order to perpetuate the power of an atrocious machine. They have warned the people of Pennsylvania of the peril in which we stand and pointed out how the dangers may be averted. Such speeches are educational and they ought to prove useful.

Increase in the Cost of Living.

The great advance in the price of commodities required in the daily living of the people of this country has not only attracted the attention of public economists, but is being seriously experienced by the generally of the population. There has been a gradual advance in prices for several years past, but within the last year the cost of living has gone up by leaps and bounds.

Figures have been given by the state statistician of Massachusetts, whose official business is to record and publish all facts relating to cost of living and wages of labor, and his report shows that within the range of his observation it costs one-third more to live than it did a year ago, while there has been no material increase in the earnings of the class that are most seriously affected by the advanced price of almost everything they must have for raiment and subsistence.

The same condition prevails all over the country. Although it has not been presented as clearly in this State as it has been by official reports in Massachusetts. Yet our people need nothing more than their daily experience to convince them that prices are much higher than they were last year, with the prospect of a further rise if there is to be no check on the avaricious combines that are cornering all the sources of production.

This is a bad situation for the advocates of machine rule in this State, who will endeavor to elect PENNYPACKER and the two BROWNS by exhorting the people to allow the QUAY gang to go on with its official plundering, if they want a continuance of good times such as the trusts are ensuring to the general class of consumers.

The subject of high prices is one which Republican journals must handle cautiously, this being necessary to prevent their spragging the wheels of the machine that proposes to carry the state election by making the working people believe that they are actually rolling in prosperity. The Philadelphia Bulletin, however, ventures upon this dangerous subject, devoting three columns to it, in which it shows by authentic figures that "food of all kinds, fuel, clothes and rents are so much higher than in September, 1901, that thousands face a serious problem."

And why should this not be so when there are 278 regularly organized trusts, as appears from a reliable count, that are screwing up the price of almost every article that is included among the daily necessities of the people.

These extortionate combinations have grown up under Republican rule. They are permitted to pillage the public in return for the money they contribute when huddle is needed to elect Republican Presidents and Congressmen. No measures are taken by the party in power for the suppression or restraint of these greedy absorbers of workingmen's wages. The beef trust, the most odious of them all, contemptuously evading the injunction which Attorney General KNOX knew would be ineffectual, proceeds to organize a more extensive combine for the control of the meat market. The other monopolistic combinations are equally sure of immunity under the present political domination.

Nothing has been done by a Republican Congress to reduce the excessive duties of the DINGLEY tariff behind which these monopolies find protection; but President TEDDY strenuously urges an amendment of the federal constitution as a remedy for the trusts, though he ought to know that the combined power of monopolistic capital is strong enough to prevent the consummation of such a constitutional amendment, while no reliance could be placed on the efficacy of such a corrective measure if it were possible to consummate it.

There is no other remedy for the opposition of the trusts than knocking the tariff props from under the greedy combinations. This would be the sure way of checking the increase in the cost of living.

Taking an all around view of the situation it is a bad time for the Machine politicians to try to gain the votes of the trust pillaged wage-earners.

Sham Hostility to the Trusts.

An exchange remarks that some of the Republican leaders are becoming uneasy about President ROOSEVELT's assumed hostility to the trusts. They fear that it will offend the great millionaire capitalists who furnish the money that elects Republican Presidents. But there is no ground for the entertainment of such an apprehension.

The trust magnates comprehend the object of TEDDY's attack on the monopolies, which he is conducting after the manner of Don Quixote's celebrated encounter with the windmills. Those plutocratic personages understand the present political situation. They are aware that the people are dissatisfied with the exactions of the trusts. There is danger of a popular revolt against the political party whose policies support the monopolies. In this emergency nothing suits their interests better than to have ROOSEVELT endeavor to make the people believe that the trust octopus is an object of his antagonism; and that he intends to cut off its grasping tentacles. Such decep-

tive assumptions by a Republican President are intended to fool the voters into retaining in power a party that always legislates and administers for the benefit of the monopolistic plutocrats, who are interested in having the people deceived on the trust question.

It is observed that ROOSEVELT suggests no practical way of suppressing the extortionate combinations. What he proposes would be as fruitless as the work he assigned to Attorney General KNOX for putting the beef trust out of business.

A stop can be put to the extortions of the combined monopolies only by removing the excessive tariff duties that gives them their advantages. But nothing is farther from TEDDY's purpose than to interfere with the sacred tariff. His plan of downing the trusts, which he is vociferously proclaiming through the country, is by an amendment of the federal constitution, which can only be effected by the consent of two-thirds of the State Legislatures, a majority of which could be influenced against such an amendment by the pecuniary appliance with which the millionaires so well know how to affect the understanding of the ordinary State Legislature.

The suppression of the trusts by constitutional amendment comes along, and President ROOSEVELT knows it.

The Crowning Atrocity.

For unmitigated audacity the Republican State committee takes the cake. When Senator QUAY announced that he would take personal command in the campaign of his strangely infatuated cousin it was notice to those who understand his standards of morals and methods that it was to be a campaign of mendacity and crime. It is his custom to approach every purpose by devious ways and fraud, force and falsification are his favorite methods in politics. But nobody imagined that mendacity would go to the extreme which it has reached in the account which that committee is sending to the subsidized and not too intelligent party press which takes its rubbish, of the capture of the Union party state convention held in Philadelphia on the 3rd instant by "DAVE" MARTIN's thugs.

It will be remembered that that convention was raided by a force of about 300 Philadelphia toughs, under the command of a ruffian named Knight. These black-legs and rowdies broke in the door and, armed with blackjacks and pistols, forced their way to the stage whence they drove the properly chosen officials to the organization out of the hall. The Republican committee's literary bureau exactly reverses the conditions in the story it has sent out of the event. Instead of denouncing the ruffians it lauds them as gentlemen of amiable character who in pursuance of a patriotic duty assembled in the hall and were terrorized by the peaceful and inoffending gentlemen who were present for the purpose of deliberating on grave questions.

One would hardly think such audacity possible in this period of advanced civilization. The performance of Knight's band of ruffians was the culminating atrocity of a long period of political iniquities and to say that gentlemen of the character of Hon. FRANK A. RYER and Hon. GEORGE E. MAJES had indulged in riotous conduct is to insult the intelligence of the people of the State. The mendacious authors of the slander depended upon the obscurity and venality of the papers to which the stuff was sent to keep them concealed. That is to say they hoped that no one familiar with the public life of the city would see the misrepresentation and that even intelligent men, uninformed on the subject, would be deceived. But in this they were disappointed for by accident the fraud was discovered and exposed.

The Capital Building Contract.

The awarding of the contract to complete the State capital building at a price considerably within the appropriation is a high tribute to the wisdom of the Democratic minority in the last Legislature. A strenuous effort was made to get an appropriation of a couple of millions more than the amount specified in the bill which was passed, but the Democratic Senators and Representatives objected and they were supported in their protest by the Independent Republicans. The machine leaders protested that it would be impossible to construct a capital commensurate with the wealth and dignity of Pennsylvania for less than \$8,000,000. The awarding of the contract for less than \$4,000,000 proves that the Democrats were right and the machine wrong, as usual.

As we have frequently stated the State of Pennsylvania ought to have a magnificent capital building. It is the second State of the Union in population and probably the first in most other things. It can afford any legitimate expenditure for any useful purpose and the citizenship is proud of the liberality of spirit which grudges nothing that is honest. But Pennsylvania is not rich enough to open her coffers to a pack of plunderers to loot until their cupidity is satiated. The couple of mil-

lions which the machine managers hoped to add to the appropriation for the capital would have afforded a rich fountain to drain by the machine bosses if they had been able to get the appropriation as it was originally fixed. The building would have been no better in any event.

Justice and candor compels the admission that the building commission has been reasonably fair in its operations, though somewhat tardy. That is to say except in the awarding of the architectural work there is little to complain of in what the commission has done. The time limit for the completion of the work should have admonished the commission to greater expedition in the outset for there is always great danger of goggling in the hurry of overdue finishing. But since the work has been really put under way there has been no halting. Probably the break between the Governor and QUAY always demands a big rake off and that has been saved by the disagreement, if so mild a name will properly express the existing differences between the great Republican leaders.

A Reverend Donkey.

The Oyster Bay preacher who compared President ROOSEVELT to DAVID and declared that our Chief Magistrate has never made a serious mistake, during a service in memory of the late President MCKINLEY, on Sunday, presented a specimen of pulpit sophistry which not only disgusted ROOSEVELT, but every sensible man in the country. The President is neither altogether bad nor entirely good. He has some merits that command attention and some faults of the gravest character. But when an idiot in the pulpit makes such a comparison it appears so absurd to the average intelligent mind that it aggravates the President's faults and makes people forget all about his virtues.

Happily there are only a few of that kind of preachers but the few can do infinite harm. It may be said that one of them can run a close race with half a dozen dives in promoting the interests of Satan in any given community. The greatest injury that can be done to the cause of Christianity is to disgust a considerable number of well-meaning men with the church on account of the folly of some misfit in the pulpit. It not only keeps them away from the church but sets their influence at work to keep others away. This impairs the usefulness of the church and diminishes its revenues. In fact it may even cause them to go into bad company on the very day of all others on which they ought to seek good environment.

President ROOSEVELT is far from being like DAVID. Even in DAVID's day, when force was the ruling agency in all human affairs, DAVID was a man of peace. In this day when the pacific influence of Christian civilization, operating through nearly two thousand years of steady progress has made peaceful processes the paramount agency in life President ROOSEVELT is a man of war who measures every manly virtue by the military standard. The truth is that the Rev. Dr. HENRY HOMER WASHBURN is so egregiously an ass that he ought to be able to brush the cobwebs off the ceiling of his church by wiggling his ears.

Cousin Sam's Speeches.

Judge PENNYPACKER had some excuse for refraining from the discussion of party politics as it applies to this State during his visit to this county and his speech at Centre Hall on Tuesday. He probably thought he was among farmers who care more about the price of milk than they do about the grabbing of franchises or the debauchery of the state government. He was mistaken in this as he was mistaken in his estimate of QUAY's mental gifts. But we will let that pass. His platitudes were harmless and uninteresting. But he is now in the campaign and the people have a right to demand an explanation of his statement that Pennsylvania has no ills "worthy of mention."

"Cousin" SAM's visit to this county on Tuesday was merely an incident to his trip to Erie where he attended a political gathering. Even there he didn't attempt the explanation. There, as at Centre Hall, he talked of the prosperity of the present and the absence of it at another time and tried to inferentially assert that the policies of the Republican party caused the difference. But he didn't acknowledge that stealing scores of millions of dollars worth of franchises and bestowing them on a few machine politicians is an evil or that violating the constitution is a crime either in Erie or Centre Hall, though that is the question to be determined by the votes of the people in November.

The Governor of Pennsylvania has nothing to do with the matter of making tariff schedules. The Lieutenant Governor or the Secretary of the Interior are without influence in Washington. But they will have a good deal to say about tariff reform legislation. They will be consulted about the matter of preventing all sorts of legislative iniquities. But Judge PENNYPACKER didn't promise to promote any of the reforms which are needed or pledge himself to overthrow the QUAY machine in the event of his election. Those are the things the people are interested in and "Cousin" SAM would better get to the point or leave the field.

Spells from the Keystone.

Johnstown had one fatality from small-pox on Saturday last—Lawrence Bopp, aged 45 years.

Sunbury has a case of small-pox. The 14 months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Milliner has the disease. The house has been quarantined.

State capitol commission has awarded the contract for the new capitol to George F. Payne & Co. of Philadelphia, whose bid was \$3,170,000.

The machinery for the new erecting shop at Oak Grove has arrived, and preparations are being made to place it in position.

H. Steele Smith, for twelve years clerk in the First National bank of Hollidaysburg, has been chosen cashier of the First National bank of Gallitzin.

The tobacco crop in Clinton county for 1902, according to the census which has just been taken, is 861 acres planted, 661,000 pounds cut which represents a cash value of \$861,000.

Colonel William F. Richardson, keeper of the state arsenal at Harrisburg, dislocated his left shoulder Sunday afternoon by being thrown out of a carriage while driving with his family.

Frank Fenstermaker, an Erie railroad operator, was waylaid and robbed by tramps Sunday night. He was pounded over the head with a coupling pin. \$40 and a gold watch were taken.

One thousand more men and their families are expected to arrive at the Burnham iron works, at Lewistown soon. Temporary houses are being built to shelter them until good ones can be erected.

The Everett Glass works, which have been idle for the past two years, again resumed active business, Monday, September 8. By this industry employment will be given to about seventy-five men and boys.

Frank Gillan, of Gallitzin, a well-known contractor, drove his horse, McGregor, to Indiana, Friday, to attend the fair and upon reaching that place the horse died. Its death is supposed to have been caused by the long drive.

Instantly killed by a flying timber he himself had just sawed off was Nelson Nichols, a carpenter at Klondike works, Westmoreland county, Saturday morning. He was aged about 45 years and leaves a family of six children.

Government engineers will make an examination of the Susquehanna river from Northumberland to tidewater with a view to ascertaining whether it is feasible to make the river navigable for that portion of its length and what the probable cost will be.

According to a decision of the United States Circuit court of appeals, a tavern keeper may be held responsible for the death of a patron of his place in the event that death occurs from an accident resulting from the intoxicated condition of the patron.

David Hare was found near Scottsdale, Friday night, about 12 o'clock, with both legs and his right arm cut off. He was taken to the Westmoreland hospital at Greensburg, where he was cared for. He is aged about 21 years and is in a critical condition.

With nearly every bone in his body crushed, Dominic Spagnoleto, an Italian, employed as section hand on the Lehigh Valley railroad, was found dead along the tracks at Freeensburg Monday morning. A westbound passenger train had struck and killed him.

At Karthus a few nights ago thieves entered Dr. W. S. Gilliland's store, blew open the safe and secured \$15, twenty dozen pocket knives and a number of checks. They are believed to be the ones who operated at the Pennsylvania railroad station at Axtes Fort.

The Pennsylvania is equipping all its turntables at important points so as to operate them by electric power. The company is making the changes as an economical measure, in doing the work of six or eight men at the more important points and doing it more expeditiously.

A little child aged only 15 months was killed on the railroad at Milton on Wednesday afternoon. The little one, the daughter of Harry Ford, was playing with a dog on the railroad track. The engineer of the train when he first saw the child reversed his engine and applied the brakes, but the distance was too short to stop the train and the little one was instantly killed.

Miss Jennie Morgan, aged 18 years, teacher of the Apker school near Peunfield, Clearfield county, became violently insane recently. She threatened to kill the grown-up people in the community, but expressed great apprehension that some one was about to kill the school children. Disappointment in love is given as the cause of her derangement. She was taken to her home at Ridgway.

Mrs. Houck, wife of Ed J. Houck, was badly injured Saturday in an accident on the narrow gauge railroad on Sugar Loaf Mountain, near Latrobe. A lumber truck got beyond control and jumped the track. Mrs. Houck, who was sitting in front, was seriously injured by the truck falling on her. Her four-year-old son, was thrown twenty feet and frightfully cut about the head and face.

The Pennsylvania railroad company has decided to double track its line between Cresson and Ebensburg, and work will begin in about a month. While the work of double-tracking is in progress the curves will be straightened considerably and the grade improved, the object being to fit the roadbed not only for the heavy traffic now coming from the Blacklick, but also for use as a through line for freights when the connections have been made at the western end, which will probably be within the year.

Hunane Agent C. H. Witt of Johnstown is at present investigating a case of peculiar cruelty. Mr. Witt is engaged in looking for two young men who burned the feet of young Charles Fairfax, age 11 years, a son of Washington Fairfax, a well known colored teamster. The boy says he was playing last Saturday around the ruins of the Cambria Paint and Color company's burned plant, when the two men seized him and applied hot tar to his feet. He screamed and his assailants fled. He cannot tell who the men are. The burns are said to be serious.